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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Robert C. Scott, Chairman  
Committee on Education and Labor  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Mark Takano, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Workforce Protections  
Committee on Education and Labor  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Warren and Representatives Scott, DeLauro, Takano, and Roybal-Allard:

I write in response to your January 7, 2019, request that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Inspector General (OIG) conduct an audit of DOL's rulemaking process. Specifically, you asked the OIG to determine whether DOL deviated from agency regulatory and data quality requirements when DOL issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to remove operation of power-driven patient lifts from the list of prohibited activities for 16- and 17-year-old workers.

We are currently reviewing the integrity of the rulemaking process in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. In addition, the OIG is conducting a review of allegations relating to DOL's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on tip regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Prior to receiving your letter, and as part of our ongoing risk assessment and audit planning process, the OIG had identified the need for a broader review of the

rulemaking process at DOL. The objective of this review is to determine how well DOL manages the issuance of regulations. The OIG is incorporating the specific Notice of Proposed Rulemaking referenced in your letter as part of this review. As is our practice, we will confer with congressional staff throughout the process.

Please contact me at (202) 693-5100 if you have any questions about these items, or if we may be of further assistance on this or any other matter. Alternatively, your staff may contact Luiz Santos, Assistant Inspector General of Congressional and Public Relations, at (202) 693-7062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Dahl", written in a cursive style.

Scott S. Dahl  
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Ranking Member  
The Honorable Bradley Byrne, Ranking Member  
The Honorable Tom Cole, Ranking Member